

Now, Brethren of Illiokota, let every man of you who loves the church and desires to help her in her struggling infancy by your presence and counsel in her conference, make an honest effort to go. Send your name to Brother Talley.

Go to conference, or better come via Waterloo and we will all go together to Dubuque and from there to Chicago. At Milledgeville we will be joined by the delegation from Milledgeville and can all go in together.

We shall never be able to get better rates unless we have a better attendance.

Our program promises to be very good. Come and carry back to your church some of the enthusiasm to be received there.

I have sent a program to each person on the program, with the request that they notify me at once if they cannot perform their part. I have waited over a week for responses, and send it in now as corrected. Any other changes will be noted later.

Brother McFaden promises us the presence on Sunday, Aug. 22, of some of the most noted mission workers of Chicago. Pray for the conference.

Yours in service,

J. L. GILLIN.

#### THE JOHNSTOWN CONFERENCE.

To the young people of the brotherhood we wish to address ourselves, on a topic we believe you are all interested in, and are willing to co-operate with us to the fullest extent. After some vexatious delays we have at last gotten the program for the King's Children session of the general conference ready, and print it for your inspection and deliberation. We have corresponded with all except one who are on the program, and all have signified their intention of being present at the conference. In our humble judgment, this is one of the first things for program makers to consider. We have endeavored to make the program as broad and comprehensive as possible, for the amount of time that will be allotted to us. The topics will cover a broad field, and if all come filled with the spirit, and take the active part that it is hoped they will, we will have one of the very best Holy Ghost meetings that has ever been your pleasure to attend.

It is impossible for us to put all on the program that we wish to hear, so you will understand that even though your name does not appear on the program, we wish to hear from you, and we shall try to give opportunity for all in the open parliaments. Above all things that we desire in our conferences, is this one, that business be disposed of in as briefly and wisely a way as possible, and the time given up to actual work for the Lord, in the way of teaching,

comparing ways and methods, and in general finding the best way of doing the Lord's work. Let our conference be absolutely informal and led by the Holy Spirit. The outlined program, is the growth of a preponderating sentiment, that has and is growing up among us, and if you observe that it is largely running to mission work, you may know that that is rapidly getting to be the great theme uppermost in the hearts of all our workers. So mote it be.

#### *Program for the King's Children Session of the Conference to be held at Johnstown, Pa., August 28, 1897.*

9 A. M.—Devotional Service, Rev. D. W. Furry.

Appointment of committees on, (1) Credentials, (2) Nominations, (3) Resolutions, (4) Missions.

Address of welcome, by Rev. Roger Darling. Response J. O. Talley.

10 A. M.—King's Children in the Mission Work. Address by J. C. Cassel. Open Parliament.

11 A. M.—Preparation of the Leader. Address by Rev. C. F. Yoder. Open Parliament.

12 M.—Adjournment.

1:30 P. M.—Reports, (1) Secretary, (2) Treasurer, (3) President.

2 P. M.—Address by Rev. J. L. Gillin. Open Parliament on Means and Methods, led by Rev. I. D. Bowman.

3 P. M.—Music.

Report of Committee on Mission and Mission Work. Open Parliament, led by mission workers. Report of Committee on Resolutions, report of Committee on Credentials, report of Committee on Nominations. Election of officers. Adjournment.

7 P. M.—Devotional Service, Rev. Z. T. Livengood.

Testimony and Praise Service.

8 P. M.—Address by Rev. J. C. Mackey, "Foreign Missions, and Preparation for the Work."

J. O. TALLEY.

#### Matrimonial.

BIKLE—BYER.—Miss Grace M. Byer and Mr. William F. Bikle were married yesterday evening at 8 o'clock at the home of the bride's father, Mr. Christian Byer, South Potomac street extended. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Zed H. Copp, pastor of the First Brethren Church, in the presence of a large number of invited guests. Miss Byer is a member of Rev. Copp's congregation. Her father is engaged in the grocery business.

The parlor was nicely decorated with

ferns, palms and cut flowers. The bride was attired in a gown of white Persian lawn, trimmed with lace and silk ribbons. She wore white gloves and carried a large bouquet of Bride roses. Miss Lila Schriver, Gettysburg, maid of honor, wore a costume of white, trimmed with lace and ribbons and carried La France roses.

A reception was held from 8:30 to 11 o'clock. The table was nicely arranged and contained the good things of life. The happy couple received many pretty and useful presents. Later in the evening the young friends of the couple serenaded them loudly, if not musically, with horns, tin pans, bells, etc.

Mr. and Mrs. Bikle left this morning on a two weeks' trip to Philadelphia, Atlantic City and other points.—*Hagerstown Globe*.

Trouble is like fog, it looks thickest when seen from a distance.—*L. A. W. Bulletin*.

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Williamsburg, Blair Co., Pa., June 21, 1897.